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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHIHIKO AIHARA)
Application No.: 10/765,992)
Filed: January 29, 2004)
For: INK JET RECORDING)
APPARATUS FOR)
PERFORMING RECORDING)
IN ACCORDANCE WITH)
REMAINING AMOUNT OF)
INK, AND CONTROL METHOD : March 23, 2004
FOR THE APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

Japan 5-181364
Japan 7-25030

The foregoing documents were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. In addition, English language abstracts for these documents have been located and are enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		5-181364	7/23/93	Japan			Abstract
		7-25030	1/27/95	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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